

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Sunao TABATA et al.
Title: APPARATUS FOR IMAGE PROCESSING
Appl. No.: 10/806,454
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Examiner: David Rashid
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Confirmation Number: 1785

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, and in light of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: